

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 23

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Haydon Elizabeth Tucker as a 2015 Young Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Haydon Elizabeth Tucker, a young woman who was selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2015 Young Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this coveted award is given to young women in the Chattanooga community who work with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, generosity, and compassion to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the highest ideals of community service, Haydon Tucker has been a major grant writing leader for numerous projects. She believes that literacy is the most effective salve in her volunteer work, so she spends countless hours sharing her love of reading with young children; and

WHEREAS, in a demonstration of her creativity, Haydon wrote and edited a children's book, *Keep Trying, Tiny Turtle!*, which is now part of the literacy curriculum at the Westside Community Center in Chattanooga, where she is a constant presence, and in Harlem, New York City; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Baylor School, Haydon has pursued a rigorous course of study and maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was named an Advanced Placement Scholar and a National Merit Commended Scholar; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Jumonville Award, and the Joe Key Leadership Award, and was voted the best all-around junior by her classmates; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Haydon is a member of the Red Circle, the Baylor Admission Ambassadors, the Round Table, Baylor's literacy discussion group, and she is a youth leader at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, an attendee of the Jamaica Service Leadership Trip, Haydon was described as "the heavyweight in Baylor's learning community" and "the keystone of the community service program"; and

WHEREAS, possessing an impeccable work ethic, solid character, and innate leadership skills, Haydon Tucker is an outstanding young Tennessean who works with purpose and commitment to make her community and its citizens the very best they can be, and she is fully deserving of the accolades of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Haydon Elizabeth Tucker on being honored as a 2015 Young Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.